

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1-12 (Cancelled)

Claim 13 (Currently amended) The implant of claim 17 comprising a resorbable material.

Claim 14 (Currently amended) The implant of claim 13, where the resorbable material is at least one selected from the group consisting of a copolymer of lactide and glycolide, and poly-p-dioxanone.

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Claim 15 (Currently amended) The implant of claim 19, where the reinforcing element comprises a resorbable material.

Claim 16 (Currently amended) The implant of claim 23, further comprising at least one reinforcing element that is formed as a coating of resorbable material onto the peripheral area.

Claim 17 (Currently amended) The implant of claim 23, further comprising at least one reinforcing element that is formed as a film of resorbable material onto the peripheral area.

Claim 18 (New) A mesh-like implant comprising a reinforced zone in a central area of the implant and a peripheral area, where the reinforced zone has a smaller pore size than the peripheral area.

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Claim 19 (New) The implant of claim 18, where the reinforced zone comprises a homogeneous central area and a zone of lower strength surrounding the homogeneous central area.

Claim 20 (New) The implant of claim 18, further comprising at least one radial reinforcing element that extends from the reinforced zone to the edge of the implant.

Claim 21 (New) The implant of claim 20, where at least one radial reinforcing element is wider at the edge of the implant than at the reinforced zone.

Claim 22 (New) The implant of claim 18, where the mesh-like implant is weft-knitted or warp-knitted.

Claim 23 (New) The implant of claim 22, where the implant is weft-knitted or warp-knitted in one piece.

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Claim 24 (New) The implant of claim 18, where the reinforced zone is made by attaching a first weft-knitted or warp-knitted mesh to a second weft-knitted or warp-knitted mesh, and the peripheral area of the implant is that portion of the second weft-knitted or warp-knitted mesh that is not covered by the first weft-knitted or warp-knitted mesh.

Claim 25 (New) The implant of claim 24, where the reinforced zone and at least one radial reinforcing element is made from the first weft-knitted or warp-knitted mesh.
